Dealers of IBP Company

†2367. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of dealers of IBP Company who have applied for the partnership by the 15th November, 2001 :

(b) the number of cases in which decision has been taken to enter the partnership during the last two years and the number of cases still pending ; and

(c) by when cases regarding entering of partnership in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and all over India will be disposed off ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) :

(a) to (c) The IBP Co. Limited have received 133 applications for re-constitution from their dealers all over India during the period April, 1999-15th November, 2001. During the aforesaid period, 111 proposals which were found eligible as per the laid down policy of the Government, have been approved by the Company.

Illegal bottling plants

2368. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether "with —illegal bottling of LPG cylinders in North-India, which is estimated to be in the range of Rs. 100 crore, Delhi is sitting on a keg of potential disaster" as reported in the Times of India, dated the 9th August, 2001;

(b) whether these illegally manufactured cylinders are brought to the capital from areas like Meerut and Ghaziabad despite the Central Government banning manufacture and sale of such hazardous cylinders ; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures Government propose to take to stop manufacturing of these spurious and sub-standard cylinders which are threat to life and safety of public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Marketing Companies are procuring the cylinders from the cylinder manufacturers having valid statutory licences. Further, Oil Industry technical teams also make surprise visits to the manufacturers to check manufacturing activity/quality as per the Indian Standard specifications and in case technical deficiencies are observed during the visit, the placement of orders on such unit(s) is suspended by Industry. Regular surprise checks and inspections of the LPG distributors are also conducted to ensure that LPG is not supplied through un-authorised refilled cylinders in the market.

Performance of Public Sector Oil Refineries

2369. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the rise/fall in revenue in terms of percentage of public sector refinery companies in the first half of 2001-2002 as compared to corresponding period of last year;

(b) whether there is a fall, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the international price of kerosene at the end of March, 2001 and end of October, 2001;

(d) the revenue from sale of kerosene as a percentage of total revenue for the period April, 2001 to September, 2001; and

(e) whether there is an increase/decrease in terms of percentage as compared to the corresponding period of last year, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) There is a fall of around 2% in revenue (turnover) of the public sector refinery companies in the first half of 2001-2002 as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

(b) The major reason for the fall in revenue is the sluggish demand during the period.

(c) The international prices of kerosene (Platts published average price of jet/kero basis f.o.b. Arab Gulf) were US $ 202.44 (Rs. 9,446.70) per MT and US $ 177.75 (Rs. 8,539.11) per MT as on 30th March, 2001 and 31st October, 2001 respectively.